

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Eastern District of Wisconsin

In the Matter of the Search of:

N78 W29156 Flynn Road, Town of Merton Wisconsin 53029

Case No. 19-864M(NJ)

## APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property:

See Attachment A

located in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, there is now concealed:

See Attachment B

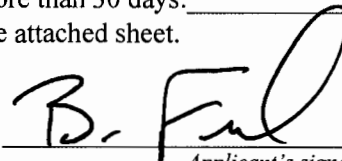
The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim P. 41(c) is:

- ☒ evidence of a crime;  
☐ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;  
☒ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;  
☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to violations of: Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251 and 2252

The application is based on these facts: See attached affidavit.

- ☐ Delayed notice of \_\_\_\_\_ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: \_\_\_\_\_) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

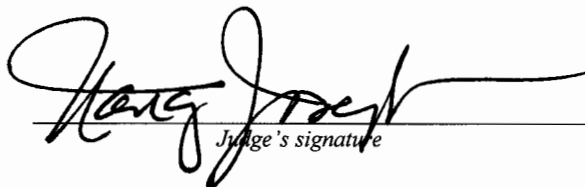


Applicant's signature

TFO Brian Fredericks, FBI

Printed Name and Title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence:

Date: May 21, 2019

Judge's signature

City and State: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Honorable Nancy Joseph, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed Name and Title

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, Brian Fredericks, being duly sworn on oath, depose and state as follows:

**INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND**

1. I am employed as a Detective with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office. As part of my duties with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office, I am assigned as a computer forensic examiner, and have been so assigned since 2013. My duties as a computer forensic examiner include the routine and regular examinations of digital evidence, such as but not limited to cellular telephones, laptop and desktop computers, servers, thumb drives, external hard disc drives, and micro secure digital (SD) cards. I also conduct examinations of devices that are powered on and powered off while at scenes of search warrants to rapidly locate digital evidence, or eliminate items as having evidence.

2. Additionally, I am assigned as a task force officer (TFO) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Milwaukee Division, Child Exploitation Task Force and have been so assigned since 2014. My duties include investigating violations of federal criminal law, including violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251, which criminalizes producing child pornography, and Section 2252, which criminalizes accessing with intent to view, possessing, receiving, and distributing child pornography. I have gained experience in conducting these investigations through training and through everyday work, including executing search warrants and conducting interviews of individuals trading and manufacturing child pornography. I have also received

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) training, which includes training in investigating and enforcing state and federal child pornography laws in which computers and other digital media are used as a means for receiving, transmitting, and storing child pornography.

3. This affidavit is submitted in support of an application under Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure for a search warrant for the locations specifically described in **Attachment A** of this Affidavit, including the entire property located at N78 W29156 Flynn Road, Town of Merton, Wisconsin, (the "SUBJECT PREMISES"), the person of Bernard Trokan, a 2008 Mitsubishi Eclipse having Wisconsin registration 157 GCZ, the content of electronic storage devices located therein, for contraband and evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251, relating to material involving the sexual exploitation of minors and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252, which prohibits certain activities relating to material involving the sexual exploitation of minors, originating from the SUBJECT PREMISES, and which items are more specifically described in **Attachment B** of this Affidavit. This Affidavit is submitted in connection with an investigation into the production, transportation, and distribution of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors through an instant messaging application for mobile devices. The search contemplated by this application will include all rooms, attics, basements, and all other parts of the SUBJECT PREMISES, as well as surrounding grounds, garages, storage rooms, vehicles or boats, or outbuildings of any kind, attached or unattached, located thereon.

4. This affidavit is intended only to show there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all my knowledge about this matter.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

5. As noted above, this investigation concerns alleged violations of the following:

a. 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) prohibits a person from knowingly using a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct, when the visual depiction was transported using any means or facility of interstate or foreign commerce, or produced or transmitted using materials that have been mailed, shipped, or transported in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce.

b. 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(1) prohibits the knowing transportation or shipment in interstate or foreign commerce, by computer or mail, of any visual depiction of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

c. 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2) prohibits the knowing receipt or distribution, by computer or mail, of any visual depiction of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, if the visual depiction has been mailed, shipped, or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, or if it contains materials that have been so mailed, shipped, or transported, by any means, including by computer.

d. 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B) prohibits the possession of one or more matters that contain visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit

conduct, and that have been mailed, shipped, or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, or if it contains materials that have been so mailed, shipped, or transported, by any means, including by computer.

#### DEFINITIONS

6. The following definitions apply to the Affidavit and Attachment B to this Affidavit:

a. "Cellular telephone" or "cell phone" means a hand held wireless device used for voice and data communication through radio signals. These telephones send signals through networks of transmitter/receivers, enabling communication with other wireless telephones or traditional "land line" telephones. A wireless telephone usually contains a "call log," which records the telephone number, date, and time of calls made to and from the phone. In addition to enabling voice communications, wireless telephones offer a broad range of capabilities. These capabilities include: storing names and phone numbers in electronic "address books;" sending, receiving, and storing text messages and e-mail; taking, sending, receiving, and storing still photographs and moving video; storing and playing back audio files; storing dates, appointments, and other information on personal calendars; and accessing and downloading information from the Internet. Wireless telephones may include geolocation information indicating where the cell phone was at particular times.

b. "Chat," as used herein, refers to any kind of text communication over the Internet that is transmitted in real-time from sender to receiver. Chat messages



are generally short in order to enable other participants to respond quickly and in a format that resembles an oral conversation. This feature distinguishes chatting from other text-based online communications such as Internet forums and email.

c. "Chat room," as used herein, refers to the ability of individuals to meet in one location on the Internet in order to communicate electronically in real-time to other individuals. Individuals may also have the ability to transmit electronic files to other individuals within the chat room

d. "Child Pornography" is defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8) as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct where (a) the production of the visual depiction involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, (b) the visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, or (c) the visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

e. "Computer" is defined pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1) as "an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high speed data processing device performing logical or storage functions, and includes any data storage facility or communications facility directly related to or operating in conjunction with such device."

f. "Computer Server" or "Server," is a computer that is attached to a dedicated network and serves many users. A web server, for example, is a computer that hosts the data associated with a website. That web server receives requests from a user

and delivers information from the server to the user's computer via the Internet. A domain name system (DNS) server, in essence, is a computer on the Internet that routes communications when a user types a domain name, such as [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com), into his or her web browser. Essentially, the domain name must be translated into an Internet Protocol (IP) address so the computer hosting the web site may be located, and the DNS server provides this function.

g. "Computer Hardware" means all equipment that can receive, capture, collect, analyze, create, display, convert, store, conceal, or transmit electronic, magnetic, or similar computer impulses or data. Computer hardware includes any data-processing devices (including, but not limited to, central processing units, internal and peripheral storage devices such as fixed disks, external hard drives, and other memory storage devices); peripheral input/output devices (including, but not limited to, keyboards, printers, video display monitors, and related communications devices such as cables and connections), as well as any devices, mechanisms, or parts that can be used to restrict access to computer hardware (including, but not limited to, physical keys and locks).

h. "Computer Software" is digital information that can be interpreted by a computer and any of its related components to direct the way they work. Computer software is stored in electronic, magnetic, or other digital form. It commonly includes programs to run operating systems, applications, and utilities.

i. "Computer-Related Documentation" consists of written, recorded,

printed, or electronically stored material that explains or illustrates how to configure or use computer hardware, computer software, or other related items.

j. “Computer Passwords, Pass Phrases, and Data Security Devices” consist of information or items designed to restrict access to or hide computer software, documentation, or data. Data security devices may consist of hardware, software, or other programming code. A password or pass phrase (a string of alphanumeric characters) usually operates as a sort of digital key to “unlock” particular data security devices. Data security hardware may include encryption devices, chips, and circuit boards. Data security software of digital code may include programming code that creates “test” keys or “hot” keys, which perform certain pre-set security functions when touched. Data security software or code may also encrypt, compress, hide, or “booby-trap” protected data to make it inaccessible or unusable, as well as reverse the progress to restore it.

k. “Electronic Communication Service” means any service which provides to users thereof the ability to send or receive wire or electronic communications.

l. “Electronic Storage Devices” includes computers, cellular telephones, tablets, and devices designed specifically to store electronic information (e.g., external hard drives and USB “thumb drives”). Many of these devices also permit users to communicate electronic information through the internet or through the cellular telephone network (e.g., computers, cellular telephones, and tablet devices such as an iPad).



m. The “Internet” is a global network of computers and other electronic devices that communicate with each other. Due to the structure of the Internet, connections between devices on the Internet often cross state and international borders, even when the devices communicating with each other are in the same state.

n. “Internet Service Providers” (ISPs) are commercial organizations that are in business to provide individuals and businesses access to the Internet. ISPs provide a range of functions for their customers including access to the Internet, web hosting, e-mail, remote storage, and co-location of computers and other communications equipment. ISPs can offer a range of options in providing access to the Internet including telephone based dial-up, broadband based access via digital subscriber line (DSL) or cable television, dedicated circuits, or satellite based subscription. ISPs typically charge a fee based upon the type of connection and volume of data, called bandwidth, which the connection supports. Many ISPs assign each subscriber an account name – a user name or screen name, an “e-mail address,” an e-mail mailbox, and a personal password selected by the subscriber. By using a computer equipped with a modem, the subscriber can establish communication with an Internet Service Provider (ISP) over a telephone line, through a cable system or via satellite, and can access the Internet by using his or her account name and personal password.

o. “An Internet Protocol address” (IP address) is a unique numeric address used by internet-enabled electronic storage devices to access the Internet. An IP address is a series of four numbers, each in the range 0-255, separated by periods (e.g.,

121.56.97.178). Every electronic storage device attached to the Internet must be assigned an IP address so that Internet traffic sent from and directed to that electronic storage device may be directed properly from its source to its destination. Most Internet service providers control a range of IP addresses. Some computers have static—that is, long-term—IP addresses, while other computers have dynamic—that is, frequently changed—IP addresses.

p. “Hash Value” refers to the process of using a mathematical function, often called an algorithm, to generate a numerical identifier for data. A hash value can be thought of as a “digital fingerprint” for data. If the data is changed, even very slightly (like the addition or deletion of a comma or a period), the hash value changes. Therefore, if a file such as a digital photo is a hash value match to a known file, it means that the digital photo is an exact copy of the known file.

q. “Media Access Control” (MAC) address means a hardware identification number that uniquely identifies each device on a network. The equipment that connects a computer to a network is commonly referred to as a network adapter. Most network adapters have a MAC address assigned by the manufacturer of the adapter that is designed to be a unique identifying number. A unique MAC address allows for proper routing of communications on a network. Because the MAC address does not change and is intended to be unique, a MAC address can allow law enforcement to identify whether communications sent or received at different times are associated with the same adapter.

r. LIVEME is a free mobile application that can be downloaded on Android or iOS devices that permits users to stream live video of themselves to an anonymous audience of fellow LIVEME users. Those users can post comments and interact with people in the video i.e. give instructions or commands to the users. This applications also allows users to create groups where likeminded individuals can chat/text other users and post videos/images. LIVEME creates a unique identifier, typically a string of numbers, for each individual. Each user has the ability to create a screen name which can be changed at any time.

s. "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years. See 18 U.S.C. § 2256(1).

t. The terms "records," "documents," and "materials" include all information recorded in any form, visual or aural, and by any means, whether in handmade form (including writings and drawings), photographic form (including prints, negatives, videotapes, motion pictures, and photocopies), mechanical form (including printing and typing) or electrical, electronic or magnetic form (including tape recordings, compact discs, electronic or magnetic storage devices such as hard disks, CD-ROMs, digital video disks (DVDs), Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Multi Media Cards (MMCs), memory sticks, smart cards, or electronic notebooks, as well as digital data files and printouts or readouts from any magnetic, electrical or electronic storage device).

u. "Remote Computing Service" means the provision to the public of computer storage or processing services by means of an electronic communication

system.

v. "Sexually Explicit Conduct" means actual or simulated (a) sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; (b) bestiality; (c) masturbation; (d) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or (e) lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person. See 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).

w. "Visual Depictions" include undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on computer disk or by electronic means, which is capable of conversion into a visual image. See 18 U.S.C. § 2256(5).

#### ELECTRONIC STORAGE DEVICES AND FORENSIC ANALYSIS

7. I have consulted in this matter with laypersons and law enforcement officers with specialized knowledge and training in computers, networks, and Internet communications. I have been informed me that to properly retrieve and analyze electronically stored (computer) data, and to insure accuracy and completeness of such data and to prevent loss of the data either from accidental or programmed destruction, it is necessary to conduct a forensic examination of the electronic storage devices. To ensure such accuracy and completeness, it may also be necessary to analyze not only the electronic storage devices, but also peripheral devices which may be interdependent, the software to operate them, and related instruction manuals containing directions concerning operation of the device computer and software. As described above and in Attachment B, this application seeks permission to search and seize records that might

be found on the proposed search location, in whatever form they are found. One form in which the records might be found is stored on a computer's hard drive, other storage media, within a hand-held electronic device such as a cellular telephone or a tablet device (e.g., an iPad device). Some of this electronic information, as explained below, might take a form that becomes meaningful only upon forensic analysis.

8. Based on my knowledge, training, and experience, I know that computer and other electronic device hardware, peripheral devices, software, documentation, and passwords may be important to a criminal investigation in three distinct and important respects.

a. The objects themselves may be instrumentalities used to commit the crime;

b. the objects may have been used to collect and store information about crimes (in the form of electronic data); and

c. the objects may be contraband or fruits of the crime.

9. I submit that if a computer or other electronic storage device is found on the premises, there is probable cause to believe those records will be stored in that electronic storage device, for at least the following reasons:

a. Based on my knowledge, training, and experience, I know that electronic storage device files or remnants of such files can be recovered months or even years after they have been downloaded onto a storage medium, deleted, or viewed via the Internet. Electronic files downloaded to a storage medium can be stored for years at



little or no cost. Even when files have been deleted, they can be recovered months or years later using forensic tools. This is so because when a person deletes a file on an electronic storage device, the data contained in the file does not actually disappear; rather, that data remains on the storage medium until it is overwritten by new data. It follows that deleted files, or remnants of deleted files, may reside in free space or slack space—that is, in space on the storage medium that is not currently being used by an active file—for long periods of time before they are overwritten. In addition, if the electronic storage device uses an operating system (in the case, for example, of a computer, cellular telephone or tablet device) the device may also contain a record of deleted data in a swap or recovery file.

b. Wholly apart from user-generated files, electronic storage device storage media in particular, computers' internal hard drives, contain electronic evidence of how the device was used, what it has been used for, and who has used it. This evidence can take the form of operating system configurations, artifacts from operating systems or application operation, and file system data structures. Electronic storage device users typically do not erase or delete this evidence because special software is typically required for that task. However, it is technically possible to delete this information.

c. Files that have been viewed via the Internet are sometimes automatically downloaded into a temporary Internet directory or cache. The browser often maintains a fixed amount of hard drive space devoted to these files, and the files are only overwritten as they are replaced with more recently viewed Internet pages or if

a user takes steps to delete them. As further described in Attachment B, this application seeks permission to locate not only electronic storage device files that might serve as direct evidence of the crimes described on the warrant, but also for evidence that establishes how electronic storage devices were used, the purpose of their use, who used them, and when.

10. Although some of the records called for by this warrant might be found in the form of user-generated documents (such as word processor, picture, and movie files), electronic storage device storage media can contain other forms of electronic evidence as described below:

a. Data on the storage medium not currently associated with any file can provide evidence of a file that was once on the storage medium but has since been deleted or edited, or of a deleted portion of a file (such as a paragraph that has been deleted from a word processing file). Web browsers, e-mail programs, and chat programs store configuration information on the storage medium that can reveal information such as online nicknames and passwords. Operating systems can record additional information, such as the attachment of peripherals, the attachment of USB flash storage devices or other external storage media, and the times the electronic storage device was in use. Electronic storage device file systems can record information about the dates files were created and the sequence in which they were created.

b. As explained herein, information stored within an electronic storage device and other electronic storage media may provide crucial evidence of the “who,

what, why, when, where, and how” of the criminal conduct under investigation, thus enabling the United States to establish and prove each element or alternatively, to exclude the innocent from further suspicion. In my training and experience, information stored within an electronic storage device (e.g., registry information, communications, images and movies, transactional information, records of session times and durations, internet history, and anti-virus, spyware, and malware detection programs) can indicate who has used or controlled the electronic storage device. This “user attribution” evidence is analogous to the search for “indicia of occupancy” while executing a search warrant at a residence. The existence or absence of anti-virus, spyware, and malware detection programs may indicate whether the electronic storage device was remotely accessed, thus inculcating or exculpating the electronic storage device owner. Further, electronic storage device activity can indicate how and when the electronic storage device was accessed or used. For example, as described herein, computers typically contain information that logs computer user account session times and durations, computer activity associated with user accounts, electronic storage media that connected with the computer, and the IP addresses through which the computer accessed networks and the internet. Such information allows investigators to understand the chronological context of computer or electronic storage media access, use, and events relating to the crime under investigation. Additionally, some information stored within an electronic storage device may provide crucial evidence relating to the physical location of other evidence and the suspect. For example, images stored on a computer or cellular telephone may

both show a particular location and have geolocation information incorporated into its file data. Such file data typically also contains information indicating when the file or image was created. The existence of such image files, along with external device connection logs, may also indicate the presence of additional electronic storage media (e.g., a digital camera). The geographic and timeline information described herein may either inculcate or exculpate the electronic storage device user. Last, information stored within an electronic storage device may provide relevant insight into the device user's state of mind as it relates to the offense under investigation. For example, information within the electronic storage device may indicate the owner's motive and intent to commit a crime (e.g., internet searches indicating criminal planning), or consciousness of guilt (e.g., running a "wiping" program to destroy evidence on the electronic storage device or password protecting/encrypting such evidence in an effort to conceal it from law enforcement).

c. The process of identifying the exact files, blocks, registry entries, logs, or other forms of forensic evidence on a storage medium that are necessary to draw an accurate conclusion is a dynamic process. Whether data stored on an electronic storage device is relevant to the investigation may depend on other information stored on the electronic storage device and the application of knowledge about how an electronic storage device works. Therefore, contextual information necessary to understand the evidence described in Attachment B also falls within the scope of the warrant.

d. Further, in finding evidence of how an electronic storage device was used, the purpose of its use, who used it, and when, sometimes it is necessary to establish that a particular thing is not present on a storage medium. For example, I know from training and experience that it is possible that malicious software can be installed on a computer, often without the computer user's knowledge, that can allow the computer to be used by others, sometimes without the knowledge of the computer owner.

11. I know from my training and experience, as well as from information found in publicly available materials, that some electronic devices offer their users the ability to unlock the device via the use of a fingerprint or thumbprint (collectively, "fingerprint") in lieu of a numeric or alphanumeric passcode or password. This feature is called Touch ID.

12. If a user enables Touch ID on a given device, he or she can register multiple fingerprints that can be used to unlock that device. The user can then use any of the registered fingerprints to unlock the device by pressing the relevant finger(s) to the device's Touch ID sensor, which is found in the round button (often referred to as the "home" button) found at the bottom center of the device. In my training and experience, users of devices that offer Touch ID often enable it because it is considered to be a more convenient way to unlock the device than by entering a numeric or alphanumeric passcode or password, as well as a more secure way to protect the device's contents. This is particularly true when the user(s) of the device are engaged in criminal activities and thus have a heightened concern about securing the contents of the device.



13. In some circumstances, a fingerprint cannot be used to unlock a device that has Touch ID enabled, and a passcode or password must be used instead. This can occur when a certain length of time has passed since the last time the device was unlocked or when the device has not been unlocked in a certain amount of time. Thus, in the event law enforcement encounters a locked device, the opportunity to unlock the device via Touch ID exists only for a short time. Touch ID also will not work to unlock the device if (1) the device has been turned off or restarted; (2) the device has received a remote lock command; or (3) unsuccessful attempts to unlock the device via Touch ID are made.

14. If Touch ID enabled devices are found during the search, the passcode or password that would unlock such devices are presently unknown to law enforcement. Thus, it will likely be necessary to press the fingers of the user(s) of any device(s) found during the search to the device's Touch ID sensor in an attempt to unlock the device for the purpose of executing the search authorized by this warrant. Attempting to unlock the device(s) via Touch ID with the use of the fingerprints of the user(s) is necessary because the government may not otherwise be able to access the data contained on those devices for the purpose of executing the search authorized by this warrant.

15. In my training and experience, the person who is in possession of a device or has the device among his or her belongings at the time the device is found is likely a user of the device. However, in my training and experience, that person may not be the only user of the device whose fingerprints are among those that will unlock the device via Touch ID, and it is also possible that the person in whose possession the device is

found is not actually a user of that device at all. Further, in my training and experience, I know that in some cases it may not be possible to know with certainty who is the user of a given device, such as if the device is found in a common area without any identifying information on the exterior of the device. Thus, it will likely be necessary for law enforcement to have the ability to require any occupant of the vehicle to press their finger(s) against the Touch ID sensor of the locked device(s) found during the search of the vehicle in order to attempt to identify the device's user(s) and unlock the device(s) via Touch ID.

16. Based upon my knowledge, training and experience, I know that a thorough search for information stored in storage media often requires agents to seize most or all storage media to be searched later in a controlled environment. This is often necessary to ensure the accuracy and completeness of data recorded on the storage media, and to prevent the loss of the data either from accidental or intentional destruction. Additionally, to properly examine the storage media in a controlled environment, it is often necessary that some electronic storage device equipment, peripherals, instructions, and software be seized and examined in the controlled environment. This is true because of the following:

a. The nature of evidence. As noted above, not all evidence takes the form of documents and files that can be easily viewed on site. Analyzing evidence of how an electronic storage device has been used, what it has been used for, and who has

used it requires considerable time, and taking that much time on premises could be unreasonable.

b. The volume of evidence. Storage media can store the equivalent of millions of pages of information. Additionally, a suspect may try to conceal criminal evidence; he or she might store it in random order with deceptive file names. This may require searching authorities to peruse all the stored data to determine which particular files are evidence or instrumentalities of crime. This sorting process can take weeks or months, depending on the volume of data stored, and it would be impractical and invasive to attempt this kind of data search on-site.

c. Technical requirements. Electronic storage devices can be configured in several different ways, featuring a variety of different operating systems, application software, and configurations. Therefore, searching them sometimes requires tools or knowledge that might not be present on the search site. The vast array of electronic storage device hardware and software available makes it difficult to know before a search what tools or knowledge will be required to analyze the system and its data on-site. However, taking the storage media off-site and reviewing it in a controlled environment will allow its examination with the proper tools and knowledge.

d. Variety of forms of electronic media. Records sought under this warrant could be stored in a variety of storage media formats that may require off-site reviewing with specialized forensic tools.

17. In light of these concerns, I hereby request the Court's permission to seize the electronic storage devices, associated storage media, and associated peripherals that are believed to contain some or all of the evidence described in the warrant, and to conduct an off-site search of the hardware for the evidence described, if, upon arriving at the scene, the agents executing the search conclude that it would be impractical to search the hardware, media, or peripherals on-site for this evidence.

18. I know that when an individual uses a computer to commit crimes involving child pornography, the individuals' computer will generally serve both as an instrumentality for committing the crime, and also as a storage medium for evidence of the crime. The electronic storage device is an instrumentality of the crime because it is used as a means of committing the criminal offense. From my training and experience, I believe that an electronic storage device used to commit a crime of this type may contain data that is evidence of how the electronic storage device was used; data that was sent or received; notes as to how the criminal conduct was achieved; records of Internet discussions about the crime; and other records that indicate the nature of the offense.

#### LIVE ME ACTIVITY AND PROBABLE CAUSE

19. On 02/23/2019, Online Covert Employee - 675 ("OCE") - SA Dustin Grant who is a member of the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force in Salt Lake City, Utah was connected to the Internet in an online undercover capacity in Salt Lake City, Utah. A software program was used to record the online activity, chats and images identified within LIVEME. OCE was logged into the application LIVEME in an undercover

capacity, to identify individuals who were involved with the sexual exploitation of children.

20. LIVEME is a free mobile application that can be downloaded on Android or iOS devices that permits users to stream live video of themselves to an anonymous audience of fellow LIVEME users. Those users can post comments and interact with people in the video i.e. give instructions or commands to the users. This application also allows users to create groups where likeminded individuals can chat/text other users and post videos/images. LIVEME creates a unique identifier, typically a string of numbers, for each individual. Each user has the ability to create a screen name which can be changed at any time.

21. Through OCE's training and experience, individuals on live streaming applications like LIVEME are more likely to be producing the child pornography or encouraging other users to produce the material.

22. On 02/23/2019, an individual with the LIVEME profile identifier "138389051" using the screen name "Savage Gear," with the registration IP address of 99.58.50.132, and the registration device of an iPhone 6S was found to have a sexual interest in incest/children. During the course of these online undercover sessions it was identified that this LIVEME user was a member of numerous child pornography groups where thousands of images/videos were distributed. These images/videos are described as prepubescent age children, including infants and toddlers, who were being sexually assaulted by adults and other children. This LIVEME user also posted numerous images



of child pornography which is described as images/videos of nude prepubescent age children being sexually abused by adults and other children.

23. On Tuesday May 14, 2019 I received a sealed envelope containing a disc which had been sent to me from SA Dustin Grant. SA Grant stated he obtained the digital evidence contained on the disc while working in an undercover capacity. Included on the disc were Subpoenas sent to the Internet Service Provider AT & T as well as the AT & T's response to the legal process served on them. It was learned that the subscriber for the IP Address 99.58.50.132 which the user "Savage Gear" had utilized was Bernard Trokan who resides at N78 W 29156 Flynn Road in the Town of Merton, Wisconsin. Open source research conducted on 05/10/2019 has revealed that Bernard Trokan is currently employed as a juvenile case worker with the Waukesha County Health and Human Services.

24. I did review the eight (8) image files that SA Grant obtained while monitoring LIVEME chat on 02/23/2019 which were posted by "Savage Gear." What follows are descriptions of two (2) of those image files.

- a. IMG\_1165.jpg is a color image of a white female with brown hair in pig tails, wearing a white tank top. This female is naked from the waist down and her legs are opened, exposing her vagina. She is seated on the lap of a naked, white male whose penis is inserted inside this female's vagina. The male's head is "washed out" by a white box and he is holding a digital camera in one hand, and

his other hand is on the exposed abdomen of the female. Based on the facial features and characteristics, along with a lack of pubic hair, as well as her relative physical size to the male, this female appears to be, and based on my training and experience between six (6) and ten (10) years of age. The photograph appears to be a screen shot which shows a partial URL of <https://mega.nz/#>.

- b. IMG\_1166.jpg is a color image file of a white female wearing a pink shirt and having light colored hair. Her legs are opened and elevated above her head. The hand of a white male or female is touching the exposed vagina of the female and spreading her vagina apart. The female has one hand on the hand of the individual who whose hand is on her vagina and her other hand is out of the image's frame. Based on the facial features and characteristics of this female, as well as a lack of pubic hair and her relative physical size compared to the hand of the offending individual, as well as my training and experience, I believe this female is between four (4) and six (6) years of age.

#### BACKGROUND ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, COMPUTERS, AND THE INTERNET

25. I have had both training and experience in the investigation of computer-related crimes. Based on my training, experience, and knowledge, I know the following:

a. Computers, cellular telephones, and other electronic storage devices (collectively electronic storage devices) have dramatically changed the way in which individuals interested in child pornography interact with each other. Electronic storage devices basically serve four functions in connection with child pornography: production, communication, distribution, and storage.

b. Child pornographers can now transfer printed photographs into a computer-readable format with a device known as a scanner. Furthermore, with the advent of digital cameras, when the photograph is taken it is saved as a digital file that can be directly transferred to a device by simply connecting the camera to the electronic storage device. In the last ten years, the resolution of pictures taken by digital cameras has increased dramatically, meaning the photos taken with digital cameras have become sharper and crisper. Photos taken on a digital camera are stored on a removable memory card in the camera. These memory cards often store terabytes of data, which provides enough space to store thousands of high-resolution photographs. Video recorders, which once recorded video onto tapes or mini-CDs, now can save video footage in a digital format directly to a hard drive in the camera. The video files can be easily transferred from the video recorder to a computer. Many electronic storage devices (e.g., computers, cellular telephones, and tablets), have cameras built into the device which allows users to create and store still and video images on the device. Moreover, if the device has internet connectivity, users can distribute still and video images from the device.

c. Internet-enabled electronic storage devices can connect to other internet-enabled devices the world over. The ability to produce child pornography easily, reproduce it inexpensively, and market it anonymously (through electronic communications) has drastically changed the method of distribution and receipt of child pornography. Child pornography can be transferred via electronic mail or through file transfer protocols (FTP's) to anyone with access to an internet-enabled electronic storage device. Because of the proliferation of commercial services that provide electronic mail service, chat services (i.e., "Instant Messaging"), and easy access to the Internet, electronic storage devices are the preferred method of distribution and receipt of child pornographic materials.

d. Electronic storage devices are the ideal repository for child pornography. The amount of information that an electronic storage device can hold has grown exponentially over the last decade. Electronic storage devices can store thousands of images at very high resolution. In addition, there are numerous options available for the storage of computer or digital files. One-terabyte external and internal hard drives are not uncommon. Other media storage devices include CDs, DVDs, and "thumb," "jump," or "flash" drives, which are very small devices that are plugged into a port on a computer or other electronic storage device. It is extremely easy for an individual to take a photo with a digital camera, upload that photo to a computer, and then copy it (or any other files on the computer) to any one of those media storage devices (CDs and DVDs are unique in that special software must be used to save or

"burn" files onto them). Many electronic storage devices can easily be concealed and carried on an individual's person.

e. The Internet affords individuals several different venues for obtaining, viewing, and trading child pornography in a relatively secure and anonymous fashion.

f. Individuals also use online resources to retrieve and store child pornography, including services offered by Internet Portals such as Yahoo! and Hotmail, among others. The online services allow a user to set up an account with a remote computing service that provides e-mail services as well as electronic storage of computer files in any variety of formats. A user can set up an online storage account from any internet-enabled electronic storage device. Even in cases where online storage is used, however, evidence of child pornography can be found on the user's electronic storage device in most cases.

g. As is the case with most digital technology, communications by way of electronic storage device can be saved or stored on the device. Storing this information can be intentional, i.e., by saving an e-mail as a file on the computer or saving the location of one's favorite websites in, for example, "bookmarked" files. Digital information can also be retained unintentionally, e.g., traces of the path of an electronic communication may be automatically stored in many places (e.g., temporary files or ISP client software, among others). In addition to electronic communications, an electronic storage device user's Internet activities generally leave traces or "footprints"



in the web cache and history files of the browser used. Such information is often maintained indefinitely until overwritten by other data.

h. Based on my knowledge, training, and experience, I know that electronic files or remnants of such files can be recovered months or even years after they have been downloaded onto a storage medium, deleted, or viewed via the Internet. Electronic files downloaded to a storage medium can be stored for years at little or no cost. Even when files have been deleted, they can be recovered months or years later using forensic tools. This is so because when a person "deletes" a file on a device, the data contained in the file does not actually disappear; rather, that data remains on the storage medium until it is overwritten by new data.

26. Based upon my training and experience and information relayed to me by agents and others involved in the forensic examination of computers, I know that computer data can be stored on a variety of systems and storage devices, including external and internal hard drives, flash drives, thumb drives, micro SD cards, macro SD cards, DVDs, gaming systems, SIM cards, cellular phones capable of storage, floppy disks, compact disks, magnetic tapes, memory cards, memory chips, and online or offsite storage servers maintained by corporations, including but not limited to "cloud" storage.

27. Additionally, based upon my training and experience and information related to me by agents and others involved in the forensic examination of computers, I know that routers, modems, and network equipment used to connect computers to the Internet often provide valuable evidence of, and are instrumentalities of, a crime. This is

equally true of so-called "wireless routers," which create localized networks that allow individuals to connect to the Internet wirelessly. Though wireless networks may be "secured" (in that they require an individual to enter an alphanumeric key or password before gaining access to the network) or "unsecured" (in that an individual may access the wireless network without a key or password), wireless routers for both secured and unsecured wireless networks may yield significant evidence of, or serve as instrumentalities of, a crime—including, for example, serving as the instrument through which the perpetrator of the Internet-based crime connected to the Internet and, potentially, containing logging information regarding the time and date of a perpetrator's network activity as well as identifying information for the specific device(s) the perpetrator used to access the network. Moreover, I know that individuals who have set up either a secured or unsecured wireless network in their residence are often among the primary users of that wireless network.

CHARACTERISTICS COMMON TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ADVERTISE, TRANSPORT,  
DISTRIBUTE, RECEIVE, POSSESS, AND/OR ACCESS WITH INTENT TO VIEW  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

28. Based on my previous investigative experience related to child exploitation investigations, and the training and experience of other law enforcement officers with whom I have had discussions, I know there are certain characteristics common to individuals who transport, distribute, receive, possess, and/or access with intent to view child pornography:

- a. Such individuals may receive sexual gratification, stimulation, and

satisfaction from contact with children, or from fantasies they may have viewing children engaged in sexual activity or in sexually suggestive poses, such as in person, in photographs, or other visual media, or from literature describing such activity.

b. Such individuals may collect sexually explicit or suggestive materials in a variety of media, including photographs, magazines, motion pictures, videotapes, books, slides and/or drawings or other visual media. Individuals who have a sexual interest in children or images of children oftentimes use these materials for their own sexual arousal and gratification. Further, they may use these materials to lower the inhibitions of children they are attempting to seduce, to arouse the selected child partner, or to demonstrate the desired sexual acts.

c. Likewise, such individuals often maintain their child pornography images in a digital or electronic format in a safe, secure and private environment, such as a computer and surrounding area. These child pornography images are often maintained for several years and are kept close by, usually at the possessor's residence, inside the possessor's vehicle, or, at times, on their person, to enable the individual to view the child pornography images, which are valued highly. Some of these individuals also have been found to download, view, and then delete child pornography on their computers or digital devices on a cyclical and repetitive basis.

d. Importantly, evidence of such activity, including deleted child pornography, often can be located on these individuals' computers and digital devices through the use of forensic tools. Indeed, the very nature of electronic storage means that

evidence of the crime is often still discoverable for extended periods of time even after the individual "deleted" it.

e. Such individuals also may correspond with and/or meet others to share information and materials, rarely destroy correspondence from other child pornography distributors/possessors, conceal such correspondence as they do their sexually explicit material, and often maintain lists of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of individuals with whom they have been in contact and who share the same interests in child pornography.

f. Such individuals prefer not to be without their child pornography for any prolonged time period. This behavior has been documented by law enforcement officers involved in the investigation of child pornography throughout the world. Thus, even if an individual, uses a portable device (such as a mobile phone) to access the internet and child pornography, it is more likely than not that evidence of this access will be found in their home, N78 W29156 Flynn Road, Town of Merton, Wisconsin, as well as on their person, or in a vehicle, as set forth in Attachment A.

#### CONCLUSION

29. Based on the foregoing, there is probable cause to believe that the federal criminal statutes cited herein have been violated, and that the contraband, property, evidence, fruits and instrumentalities of these offenses, more fully described in Attachment B, are located at the locations described in Attachment A. I respectfully

request that this Court issue a search warrant for the locations described in Attachment A, authorizing the seizure and search of the items described in Attachment B.

30. I am aware that the recovery of data by a computer forensic analyst takes significant time; much the way recovery of narcotics must later be forensically evaluated in a lab, digital evidence will also undergo a similar process. For this reason, the "return" inventory will contain a list of only the tangible items recovered from the premises. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the return will not include evidence later examined by a forensic analyst.



**ATTACHMENT A**  
Description of Subject Premises

The location known as N78 W29156 Flynn Road, Town of Merton Wisconsin 53029 is identified as follows:

A single story, single family dwelling with green aluminum siding, a gray composite shingled roof having a cement chimney. There is a white pedestrian door on the right of east side of the house. Dark colored letters and numerals are clearly observable on the south side of the residence which provide the address for the location of N78 W29156 and that side of the residence faces Flynn Road. There appears to be a wooden deck off the north side of the residence. There is a cement sidewalk from Flynn Road to the white pedestrian door on the east side. There is no garage observable. Also posted in front of the subject premises is a metal pole with a dark colored placard with white letters. The placard reads "Town of Merton" and "N78 W29156" directly below it.

The premises to be searched includes any appurtenances to the real property that is the SUBJECT PREMISES of N78 W29156 Flynn Road, Town of Merton Wisconsin 53029, any storage units, outbuildings, garages, vehicles, and boats.



## ATTACHMENT B

### LIST OF ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

1. Cell phones, computer(s), computer hardware, computer software, computer related documentation, computer passwords and data security devices, videotapes, video recording devices, video recording players, and video display monitors that may be, or are used to: visually depict child pornography or child erotica; display or access information pertaining to a sexual interest in child pornography; display or access information pertaining to sexual activity with children; or distribute, possess, or receive child pornography, child erotica, or information pertaining to an interest in child pornography or child erotica.

2. Any and all computer software, including programs to run operating systems, applications (such as word processing, graphics, or spreadsheet programs), utilities, compilers, interpreters, and communications programs.

3. Any and all notes, documents, records, or correspondence, in any format and medium (including, but not limited to, envelopes, letters, papers, e-mail messages, chat logs and electronic messages, and handwritten notes) pertaining to the possession, receipt, or distribution of child pornography as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8) or to the possession, receipt, or distribution of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).

4. In any format and medium, all originals, computer files, copies, and negatives of child pornography as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8), visual depictions of

minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2), or child erotica.

5. Any and all diaries, address books, names, and lists of names and addresses of individuals who may have been contacted by the operator of any device by use of the computer or by other means for the purpose of distributing or receiving child pornography as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8) or visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).

6. Any and all notes, documents, records, or correspondence, in any format or medium (including, but not limited to, envelopes, letters, papers, e-mail messages, chat logs and electronic messages, and handwritten notes), identifying persons transmitting, through interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including, but not limited to, by the United States Mail or by computer, any child pornography as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8) or any visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).

7. Any and all notes, documents, records, or correspondence, in any format or medium (including, but not limited to, envelopes, letters, papers, e-mail messages, chat logs and electronic messages, other digital data files and web cache information) concerning the receipt, transmission, or possession of child pornography as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8) or visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).

8. Any and all notes, documents, records, or correspondence, in any format or



medium (including, but not limited to, envelopes, letters, papers, e-mail messages, chat logs and electronic messages, and other digital data files) concerning communications between individuals about child pornography or the existence of sites on the Internet that contain child pornography or that cater to those with an interest in child pornography.

9. Any and all notes, documents, records, or correspondence, in any format or medium (including, but not limited to, envelopes, letters, papers, e-mail messages, chat logs and electronic messages, and other digital data files) concerning membership in online groups, clubs, or services that provide or make accessible child pornography to members.

10. Any and all records, documents, invoices and materials, in any format or medium (including, but not limited to, envelopes, letters, papers, e-mail messages, chat logs and electronic messages, and other digital data files) that concern any accounts with an Internet Service Provider.

11. Any and all records, documents, invoices and materials, in any format or medium (including, but not limited to, envelopes, letters, papers, e-mail messages, chat logs and electronic messages, and other digital data files) that concern online storage or other remote computer storage, including, but not limited to, software used to access such online storage or remote computer storage, user logs or archived data that show connection to such online storage or remote computer storage, and user logins and passwords for such online storage or remote computer storage.

12. Any and all cameras, film, videotapes or other photographic equipment.

13. Any and all visual depictions of minors.

14. Any and all address books, mailing lists, supplier lists, mailing address labels, and any and all documents and records, in any format or medium (including, but not limited to, envelopes, letters, papers, e-mail messages, chat logs and electronic messages, and other digital data files), pertaining to the preparation, purchase, and acquisition of names or lists of names to be used in connection with the purchase, sale, trade, or transmission, through interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by the United States Mail or by computer, any child pornography as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8) or any visual depiction of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).

15. Any and all diaries, notebooks, notes, and any other records reflecting personal contact and any other activities with minors visually depicted while engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).

16. For any electronic storage device, computer hard drive, electronic device, or other physical object upon which electronic information can be recorded (hereinafter, "electronic storage device") that is called for by this warrant, or that might contain things otherwise called for by this warrant:

a. evidence of who used, owned, or controlled the electronic storage device at the time the things described in this warrant were created, edited, or deleted, such as logs, registry entries, configuration files, saved usernames and passwords, documents, browsing history, user profiles, email, email contacts, "chat," instant



messaging logs, photographs, and correspondence;

b. evidence of software that would allow others to control the electronic storage device, such as viruses, Trojan horses, and other forms of malicious software, as well as evidence of the presence or absence of security software designed to detect malicious software;

c. evidence of the lack of such malicious software;

d. evidence indicating how and when the electronic storage device was accessed or used to determine the chronological context of electronic storage device access, use, and events relating to crime under investigation;

e. evidence indicating the electronic storage device user's location and state of mind as it relates to the crime under investigation;

f. evidence of the attachment to the electronic storage device of other storage devices or similar containers for electronic evidence;

g. evidence of counter-forensic programs (and associated data) that are designed to eliminate data from the electronic storage device;

h. evidence of the times the electronic storage device was used;

i. passwords, encryption keys, and other access devices that may be necessary to access the electronic storage device;

j. documentation and manuals that may be necessary to access the electronic storage device or to conduct a forensic examination of the electronic storage device;

k. contextual information necessary to understand the evidence described in this attachment.

17. Records and things evidencing the use of the Internet Protocol addresses to communicate with the internet, including:

a. routers, modems, and network equipment used to connect electronic storage devices to the Internet;

b. records of Internet Protocol addresses used;

c. records of Internet activity, including firewall logs, caches, browser history and cookies, "bookmarked" or "favorite" web pages, search terms that the user entered into any Internet search engine, and records of user-typed web addresses.

As used above, the terms "records" and "information" include all of the foregoing items of evidence in whatever form and by whatever means they may have been created or stored, including any form of electronic storage device or electronic storage; any handmade form (such as writing); any mechanical form (such as printing or typing); and any photographic form.

During the execution of the search of the premises described in Attachment A, law enforcement personnel are authorized to press the fingers (including thumbs) of individuals found at the premises to the Touch ID sensor of Apple brand device(s), such as an iPhone or iPad, found at the premises for the purpose of attempting to unlock the device via Touch ID in order to search the contents as authorized by this warrant.